

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An arrangement (10) for screening-off a space and preventing liquid from splashing outside the space, comprising a plurality of lamellae or slats (11) displaceable via an operating element, and having a first side (12), a second side (13), short sides (22), a first longitudinal side (18) and a second longitudinal side (19), the slats (11) being displaceable between a first position screening-off the space and an open, second position,

~~characterised~~ comprised in

that the first longitudinal side (18) of the slat (11) is free; and that the slats (11) are supported by at least one ladder (14) disposed at the second longitudinal side (19), the slats (11) being vertically displaceable via the operating element between the first position screening-off the space and the open, second position, and the slats (11) being pivotal about an axis which extends along the second longitudinal side (19) and is substantially horizontal ; and

that the slats (11) are distributed along the ladder (14) with a mutual spacing such that the first longitudinal side (18) of each respective slat (11), in the screening-off first position, projects over the second longitudinal side (19) of an adjacent slat (11).

2. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the ladder (14) runs through a recess (20) in each respective slat (11), the recess (20) being disposed at an edge portion of the second longitudinal side (19) of the slats (11).

3. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the recess (20) projects in to the slat (11) and is designed as a recess in and transversely of the second longitudinal side (19) of the slat (11), so that the ladder (14) may be moved into the recess (20) from the second longitudinal side (19).

4. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, wherein the ladder (14) includes abutments (27) projecting transversely of the extent of the ladder (14) for supporting the slats.

5. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in Claim 4, wherein a plurality of abutments (27) are distributed along the ladder (14) with a mutual spacing which is less than the width of each respective slat (11) so that the first longitudinal side (18) of each respective slat (11) in the screening-off first position, projects over the recess (20) in the second longitudinal side (19) of an adjacent slat (11).

6. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the abutment (27) is designed to be snapped in position in a groove (26) provided in the slat and corresponding to the abutment (27).

7. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the slats (11) include a projecting portion (17) for abutment against an adjacent slat (11) in the open, second position while forming an air gap (29) between adjacent slats (11).

8. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the projecting portion (17) is disposed at the second longitudinal side (19) of each respective slat (11).

9. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the projecting portion (17) is designed with a curvature so as to prevent liquid splashing from beneath.

10. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the slat (11) includes a bend (24,25) designed for abutment against the operating element so as to prevent wear thereto.

11. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, wherein the screening-off first position is a raised position and the open, second position is a lowered position.

12. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, wherein the first space is a shower or bathing area.

13. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~
claim 1, wherein the arrangement (10) is a liquid-repellent Venetian blind or louvre.

14. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~
claim 1, wherein the arrangement includes a cap (16) connected to the slats (11), the cap
including a locking housing for locking the slats (11) in the open, second position